

*Aryān Āzātān*  
**Parthian Shot**

**Greater  
Iran**









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Middle Iranian Languages:

(ca. 4th BC - ca. 9th century AD)

Arsacid Pahlavi: Aryān

Sassanid Pahlavi: Ērān

و سوا سرزمین نه سلسرزمین افرو

gēvāk-ē x<sub>v</sub>aštar az ērān-šahr nēst

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New Iranian Languages (ca. 8th century AD - present)  
National Book of Iranian People (Shāhnāme): Irān

“az Irānam, az toxm e āzād<sup>a</sup><sub>e</sub>gān” - Shāhnāme

I'm from Iran, the land of nobles (Āzādegān).

“ham<sup>a</sup><sub>e</sub> ālam tan ast Irān d<sup>i</sup><sub>e</sub>l” - Nizāmi Ganjavi (c. 1141-1209)

The whole world is the body & Iran is the heart.

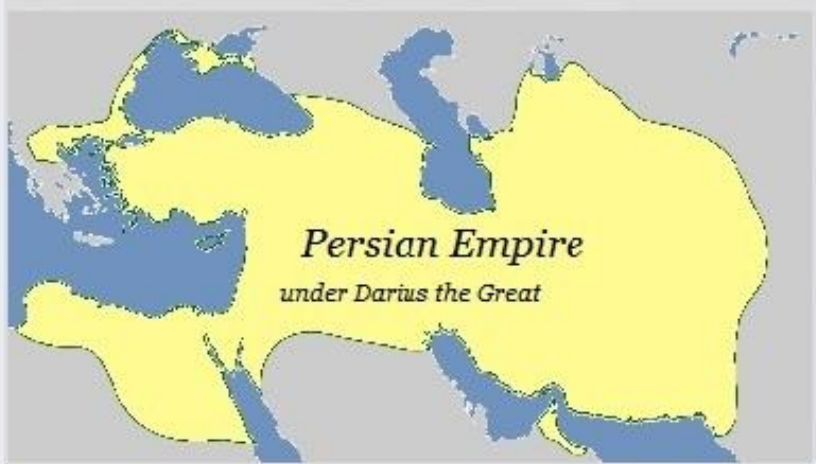
“kasi ku be bineš bovad didevar,  
jahān rā sadaf dānad, Irān gohar” - Hazin Lāhijī (1692-1766)

For one who has insight, the World is like a oyster shell  
and Iran is the pearl inside it.



**Persia** is the name of the land based on the ancient Greek writings (Persis) during the first Persian Empire (Acheamenids) .

The name is based on one of the Aryan or Iranian tribes (the people of Pārs) who founded (by Cyrus the Great) the greatest empire in the history of Iran.



Darius the Great (an Achaemenid King (6th-5th century BC)) says: I am Aryan (Iranian) & I am a son of Pārs.



Territories with Aryan inhabitants such as **Ariana** and **Aria** are attested by ancient Greek & Roman historians like Eratosthenes , Strabo & Pliny.



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**Haft Peykar - Nizami Ganjavi**

